

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Yabuta et al.**

Serial No.: **09/900,265**

Filed: **July 6, 2001**

For: **Method and System for Performing  
Commodity Purchasing**

§ Group Art Unit: **3625**

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§ Examiner: **Fadok, Mark A.**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

In response to the Final Office Action of May 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.